

Adult Literacy Contact Centre



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Congratulations

We are very pleased to announce that Norma Kidd has been seconded to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training for one year. Norma will work with Gwen Armstrong, Coordinator of Adult Basic Education.

We wish Norma every success in her new job. Norma commences work at the Ministry on August 21. She may be reached through Val Owen, secretary, at 387-6189 or Gwen Armstrong at 387-6176.

Best of luck from all of us at the Centre.

Provincial Literacy Advisory Committee

The subcommittee for proposal review met on July 10 to give Stage One approval to several cost shared literacy projects for B.C. Details and further announcements will be available September 8, 1989.

Victoria Public Library Starts Literacy Collection

The Greater Victoria Public Library, Central Branch, has designated funds to purchase literacy materials for adults. The Central Branch started their collection a year ago and presently house some 200 books in the collection. GVPL will continue to expand their literacy materials collection each year as funding permits. The

GVPL has identified the literacy collection by using the international reading and writing logo. For more information and specific titles of books, contact Arnold Rannerrs, Department Head of Business and Science at 382-7241.

Victoria Public Library
735 Broughton St.
Victoria, B.C. V8W 3H2

Project Literacy Victoria

PL Victoria and the City of Victoria will be sponsoring the Peter Gzouski Invitational Golf Tournament this Sept. 29, 1:00 p.m. at the Royal Victoria Golf Club. Call Linda Mitchell at 388-4721 for details.

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The Adult Literacy Contact Centre is a project of the Adult Basic Education Association of British Columbia. Its main purpose is to provide information, support and encouragement to potential Adult Basic Education learners who may be thinking about upgrading their skills.

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RESOURCES

Writers' Voices and New Writers's Voices

The Literacy Volunteers of New York City, Inc. have produced two series of books for Adult Literacy Programs.

Writers' Voices offer selections from best-selling books and New Writers' Voices is an anthology of students' writing.

For more information contact:
W. Warner Inc.
114 - 36 Francis Lewis Blvd.
Cambria Heights, New York
U.S.A. 11411
(718) 776-7823

Open Learning Agency

The Knowledge Network, with funding assistance from Secretary of State, Canadian Studies Directorate, has recently published a video series of public awareness programs on adult illiteracy. The series entitled "Illiteracy: The Challenge" is comprised of three short programs:

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, please let us know by calling the centre.

- The Problem
- Causes and Attitudes
- Search for Solutions

The programs reflect the needs of those Canadians who are functionally illiterate, highlight the effects of illiteracy on our society, and show examples of some of the literacy programs available.

VHS copies are being made, free of charge, to B.C. organizations and agencies which are concerned with literacy.

To broadcast the video series on your local Cable Company Channel, 3/4 inch broadcast copies are available on request.

For more information call:
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#300 - 475 W. Georgia St.
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(604) 660-2000
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ADULT LITERACY CONTACT CENTRE UPDATE

Initial Learner Calls in June, 1989

By Community

Vancouver	5
Surrey	2
Delta	1
White Rock	2
Langley	1
Kamloops	1
Okanagan Falls	1

Total 13

Lower Mainland 10

Other B.C. 3

By Program

ABE	12
ESL	1

Found out about us through

Phone book	6
College	3
TV PSA	1
Radio PSA	1
Poster	1
Friend	1

Initial Volunteer Calls in June, 1989

By Community

Burnaby	1
North Vancouver	1

Found out about us through

Government	1
Newspaper	1

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Literacy Learners and Libraries

In anticipation of 1990, the International Year of Literacy, the British Columbia Library Association will present a series of workshops. These one-day events will explore the role of B.C. libraries in the field of Functional literacy. Including speakers, audio-visual presentations and discussion panels, the workshops are expected to create an atmosphere of dialogue among community professionals in the field of Adult Basic Education with their libraries. Speakers will be drawn from a variety of disciplines relating to the field, including Corrections, Learning Centres, Education, Libraries, as well as adult learners, representatives from Federal and Provincial bodies, and non-profit agencies, groups and associations. Locations have been selected on the basis of accessibility to participants:

Prince George
Friday October 13
Kelowna
Friday October 20
Victoria
Thursday, November 2

Burnaby

Friday, November 3

Mark your calendars now, and prepare for a literacy event which will provide assistance to us all in the delivery of literacy service to adults in British Columbia. Registration forms are available from the British Columbia Library Association, 300-3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, B.C., V5R 5W2. For further information contact Ron Clancey (437-8441) or Linda Kalman/Thomas Quigley (731-9607).

Learning about Disabilities

Vancouver Community College Continuing Education Division will be offering the following course this September. Individual sessions to learn about various disabilities. These sessions will be taught by experts in the field of disabilities. Introduction is a prerequisite for a single section. Total course is \$95.

Sessions

Introduction
Sept. 19
Visual Impairment
Sept 26-Oct 3
Hearing Impairment
Oct 10-17

Mental Handicap

Oct. 24- 31

Learning Disability

Nov. 7- 14

Mental Illness

Nov. 21- 28

Physical Disability

Dec. 5- 12

For more information call:
Donald Oakes, Senior Program
Coordinator 682-5844

International Reading Association

North American Conference on
Adult and Adolescent Literacy.
"Tackling the Problem"
January 12-14, 1990.

For more information,
please contact

Conference Division I.R.A.
800 Barksdale Road
Box 8139
Newark, Delaware
19714-8139.

**If you have any notices
for upcoming
newsletters, please
send information to:
the Contact Centre, c/
o Cherie Layne before
the last day of each
month.**

Next Project Literacy Greater Vancouver Meeting

August 25, 9 AM

**Boardroom, Douglas College (4th floor)
8th St. and Royal Ave.
New Westminster (End of the Skytrain)**

Issues to be discussed

- Make up of special interest groups
- Job description of PLBC Coordinator
- Nominating committee for fall elections of PLGV
- Event for January (to kick off International Literacy Year)

Report from PLGV

The September 22 Project Literacy Greater Vancouver meeting (at King Edward Campus) will have two parts:

9-10 am

Business meeting with a focus on the October election of the new P.L.G.V. board.

10 am-12 noon

A forum on literacy policies and programs offered by the various Greater Vancouver School Boards.

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Workplace Literacy

Shirley Abrams, Workplace Literacy Liason to the Adult Basic Education Association, has been compiling a report on her recent survey of workplace initiatives in Toronto, which will be sent to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training.

Surrey - Delta Immigrant Services Society has moved to the following location
13719 - 72nd Ave.
Surrey, B.C.
V3W 2P2
597-0205

OPEN HOUSE

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre will celebrate its official open house on September 8 - World Literacy Day. More details will be provided as we approach the day.

Good Bye - Best of Luck

Sharon Boisvert, secretary at the ALCC, will be leaving us as of September, 1989. We will all miss Sharon's team support and spirit in the office. Many thanks and good luck.

Welcome!

The ALCC staff would like to welcome Linda Hackett to the centre as the new coordinator.

Linda begins work on Aug. 8.

Mary Alice Johnson is the new PLBC coordinator. She begins work in September 1989.

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Secretary Position

The ALCC is looking for a part-time secretary. The chosen applicant will need to possess

- good oral and written skills
- typing and word processing skills
- pleasing telephone manner
- ability to work flexible hours

Please send resumes post-marked by August 14 to:

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